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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-NINTH SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18 April 1994

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Changing situation in the ECE region: review of economic reforms and major developments

3. Commission's activities designed to assist countries of the region in transition to a market economy and their integration with the European and global economy, including facilitating access to markets for countries in transition — E/ECE/1287

4. Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe to implement the pertinent provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and other CSCE documents, including the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and the Helsinki Document 1992, as well as economic cooperation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE — E/ECE/1288

5. ECE contribution to the commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations — E/ECE/1289

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6. The work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies:

(a)	review of ECE activities since the forty-eighth session and implementation of decision O (45) and decisions of the forty-eighth session	1/
(b)	ECE programme of work for 1994-1998 - the future work of the Commission; coordination of, and guidelines for, the activities of its subsidiary bodies	E/ECE/1290 and Add.1
(c)	cooperation and coordination of activities with other international organizations and institutions	E/ECE/1291
(d)	resolutions bearing on the work of the Commission adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, including ECE's contribution to the preparatory work for the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995, and strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant	E/ECE/1292
(e)	Commission's contribution to the United Nations global programmes and to the Organization's programmes designed to assist developing countries of other regions	

7. Other business

8. Election of Officers

9. Annual Report of the Commission

1/ For documentation on this sub-item see the explanatory notes to the Provisional Agenda

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE AGENDA

General

1. Taking into account the indications given at the forty-eighth session of the Commission (E/1993/37, paragraph 205) and at the Ad Hoc Informal Meetings of the Commission held since that session, subsequent consultations with the Officers of the Commission, and relevant decisions of the Economic and Social Council, the period from Monday, 18 April to Tuesday, 26 April 1994 has been reserved for the forty-ninth session of the Commission.

2. In accordance with Rule 3 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the basic documents referred to in the Provisional Agenda (E/ECE/1286) will, wherever possible, be transmitted to Governments "not less than forty-two days before the opening of the session", i.e. not later than 7 March 1994.

3. The provisional Order of Business for the forty-ninth session of the Commission is annexed hereto. It has been drawn up by the Executive Secretary in accordance with the decisions of the forty-eighth session, the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Informal Meetings of the Commission and in consultation with the Bureau at its meeting on 16 December 1993. In particular it takes into account the provisions of Commission decision L (48) to organize the annual session in two segments (a Policy Segment and a Programme and Coordination Segment) instead of plenary sessions and a Sessional Committee.

Policy Segment

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

4. According to Rule 7 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, "the first item upon the provisional agenda for each session shall be the adoption of the agenda". According to Rule 8, "the Commission may amend the agenda at any time".

Item 2: Changing situation in the ECE region: review of economic reforms and major developments: Policy statements

5. Under this item delegations may wish to present policy statements on the economic situation and policy developments in their country and in the region, and on the work of the Commission as a whole since the forty-eighth session.

6. Delegations are invited to supply the full text of their policy statements to the secretariat for distribution to Permanent Missions in Geneva whenever possible at least one week in advance of the opening of the session. During the session delegations will be allotted a maximum of ten minutes each for the presentation of their policy statement.

Economic Survey of Europe in 1993-1994

7. Under this item there will be a presentation by the secretariat of the Economic Survey of Europe in 1993-1994 (ECE(49)/1). To promote an exchange of views on this occasion the secretariat will issue prior to the session an

overview of the main development issues and policies contained in the Survey. Delegations will be limited to a 10-minute oral presentation during which they are urged to avoid giving detailed information on developments in their individual countries. It is hoped that such information will be circulated in a written text to be transmitted to the secretariat as early as possible (preferably in about 50 copies) for distribution to participants at the session.

Round Table

Under this item the afternoon session on Friday, 22 April will be devoted to a Round Table discussion with the participation of personalities in the world of politics and economics on the selected theme: **"The Role of the Enterprise in Contemporary European Societies".**

Item 3: Commission's activities designed to assist countries of the region in transition to a market economy and their integration with the European and global economy, including facilitating access to markets for countries in transition

8. Under this item the Commission will consider the Executive Secretary's report (E/ECE/1287) on the activities of subsidiary bodies and the secretariat during the past year in this respect, particularly the programme of workshops and other forms of assistance to countries in transition. The report will take into account the special needs of new members of the Commission, and the newly established programme of regional advisory services.

9. The report will also provide a full account of follow-up action taken in the implementation of Commission decision B (48) - The work of the Commission concerning economies in transition in eastern and central Europe, including continuing efforts, referred to in paragraph 4 of the decision, which must take account of the prevailing political and economic conditions, on the part of all industrialized countries to improve access for products, including processed goods, in particular from countries in transition to international markets, consistent with bilateral and multilateral agreements, and of the facilitation of private investment, which strengthen the economic potential of countries in transition and reinforce structural reform.

Item 4: Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe to implement the pertinent provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and other CSCE documents, including the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and the Helsinki Document 1992, as well as economic cooperation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE

10. In accordance with and operative paragraph 2 of decision D (48) and its previous resolutions, the Commission will have before it for the consideration of this item the report of the Executive Secretary (E/ECE/1288). The report will take into account the pertinent provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and other CSCE documents which call for multilateral implementation within the framework of the ECE, including the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and the Helsinki Document 1992. Note will also be taken of the outcome of the second session of the CSCE Economic Forum scheduled for March 1994. The report will also contain an

account of follow-up action taken in response to Commission decision G (48) - Economic Cooperation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE.

Item 5: ECE contribution to the commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations

11. Under this item the Commission may wish to consider ways in which it could contribute to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary, the provisions of Assembly decision 47/417 and the Assembly's consideration of the item at its forty-eighth session (E/ECE/1289).

Programme and Coordination Segment

Item 6: The work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies:

- **(a) review of ECE activities since the forty-eighth session and implementation of decision O (45) and decisions of the forty-eighth session**
- **(b) ECE programme of work for 1994-1998 - the future work of the Commission; coordination of, and guidelines for, the activities of its subsidiary bodies**
- **(c) cooperation and coordination of activities with other international organizations and institutions**
- **(d) resolutions bearing on the work of the Commission adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, including ECE's contribution to the preparatory work for the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995, and strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant**
- **(e) Commission's contribution to the United Nations global programmes and to the Organisation's programmes designed to assist developing countries of other regions**

12. The discussion of agenda item 6 (The work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies) will cover the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, including elements which require a cross-sectoral approach by more than one subsidiary body, and those which do not fall within the purview of a subsidiary body. The discussion will consider the programme of work both vertically and horizontally, and will entail a review of the past year's activities as well as a preview of the work for the year ahead. The Commission is expected to discuss aspects of the work which require its attention, decision or action. The horizontal debate will be presided over by the Chairperson of the Commission with the collective participation of the Vice-Chairpersons and representatives of the bureau of each subsidiary body reporting directly to the Commission. Consideration of this item will take into account the sub-items which are as follows:

13. For discussion of sub-item (a) **review of ECE activities since the forty-eighth session and implementation of decision O (45) and decisions of the forty-eighth session** the Commission will have before it the reports of

these bodies as listed in the footnote 2/, including the report of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (ECE/CES/44) containing an evaluation of and recommendations on ECE's various statistical publications, as called for in paragraph III (h) of decision O (45).

14. The Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on his consultations with the officers of the subsidiary bodies in the course of the year, in accordance with the provisions of decision P (45), will also be available to the Commission (E/ECE/1300). The Summary Document prepared by the secretariat for the Ad Hoc Informal Meetings in January and March 1994 will also be made available to delegations. The Summary Document (E/ECE/1301) will reflect the highlights and difficulties encountered as well as other relevant issues relating to the work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies and Working Parties reporting directly to the Commission. The summaries of the Ad Hoc Informal Meetings convened since the forty-eighth session by the Chairperson in accordance with the same decision will also be available to the Commission (ECE/AC.20/93(1)/1, ECE/AC.20/94(1)/1 and 2).

15. The secretariat will submit reports on the progress made in the implementation of Commission decision F (48) - Cooperation in the field of environment and sustainable development (E/ECE/1294); decision G (48) - Cooperation in the field of transport (E/ECE/1295); decision H (48) - Cooperation and sustainable development in the chemical industry (E/ECE/1296); decision J (48) - Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the accident at

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Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems (special sessions)	ECE/ENVWA/34 and ECE/ENVWA/36
Inland Transport Committee (fifty-sixth session)	ECE/TRANS/103 and Add.1
Conference of European Statisticians (forty-first session)	ECE/CES/43 CES/788/Rev.1 ECE/CES/44
Committee on the Development of Trade (forty-second session)	ECE/TRADE/187
Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments (twenty-ninth session)	ECE/EC.AD/42
Committee on Energy (third session)	ECE/ENERGY/24
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology *	
Working Party on the Chemical Industry (third session)	ECE/CHEM/92
Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation *	
Working Party on Standardization Policies (third session)	ECE/STAND/38
Working Party on Steel (third session)	ECE/STEEL/83
Committee on Agriculture *	
Timber Committee (fifty-first session)	ECE/TIM/71
Committee on Human Settlements (fifty-fourth session)	ECE/HBP/89

* This body did not meet between the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions of the Commission.

the Chernobyl nuclear power plant (E/ECE/1297); and decision K (48) - ECE's contribution to the preparatory work for the fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995 (E/ECE/1298). In particular it will present the results of the feasibility study which it has carried out in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision G (48) and paragraph 9 of decision F (48) on organizing a regional conference on transport and the environment (E/ECE/1299).

16. For consideration of sub-item (b) **ECE programme of work for 1994-1998 - the future work of the Commission; coordination of, and guidelines for, the activities of its subsidiary bodies**, the Commission will have before it the Executive Secretary's note E/ECE/1290 and Add.1, which will contain the Commission's draft programme of work for 1994-1998, supplemented by factual information on such questions as meetings, reports and other documentation, as required by decision O (45). It may also wish to take into account the ECE budget for the 1994-1995 biennium approved by the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly and the ECE Medium-Term Plan for 1993-1997. The Commission will consider the concentration and integration of the its programme of work and its activities of a cross-sectoral nature. Representatives of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies and Working Parties reporting directly to the Commission will be invited to participate collectively in the consideration of the coordination of the programme of work and its cross-sectoral activities and potential.

17. For discussion of sub-item **(c) cooperation and coordination of activities with other international organizations and institutions**, the Commission will have before it the Executive Secretary's note E/ECE/1291 which will contain an account of developments concerning the cooperation and coordination of activities of the Commission and its secretariat with other international organizations and institutions during the past year, with particular emphasis on those active in the ECE region and cited by the Commission in its decisions.

18. For discussion of sub-item **(d) resolutions bearing on the work of the Commission adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, including ECE's contribution to the preparatory work for the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995, and strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant**, the Commission will have before it the Executive Secretary's note E/ECE/1292 which will refer to relevant resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly during the period since the close of the forty-eighth session of the Commission which call for action by the Commission or otherwise have a bearing on its work.

19. For consideration of sub-item **(e) Commission's contribution to the United Nations global programmes and programmes the Organisation's programmes designed to assist developing countries of other regions**, the Commission will have before it the Executive Secretary's note E/ECE/1293 in which an account is given of the progress made in the work of the Commission since the forty-eighth session in respect of technical cooperation activities, including those carried out in cooperation with the other regional commissions and donor organizations. It will also review the Commission's contribution to global programmes of the United Nations including forthcoming or recent global conferences or international years.

Policy Segment

Item 7: Other business

20. Under this item the Commission will hear a statement by the Executive Secretary concerning the date and place of the fiftieth session of the Commission as well as other matters which member Governments may wish to raise.

Item 8: Election of Officers

21. In accordance with Rule 15 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, as amended at the forty-eighth session, the Commission at its Special Session on 26 November 1993, upon the resignation of the Chairperson of the Commission, Mr. Bernard Miyet (France), designated Vice-Chairperson Mr. Ludwik Dembinsky (Poland) to become Chairperson and elected Mr. Ulruch Rosengarten (Germany) as Vice-Chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term. The other Vice-Chairpersons elected at the closing meeting of the forty-eighth session were Mr. Romulus Neagu (Romania) and Mr. Christer Manhusen (Sweden).

Item 9: Annual Report of the Commission

22. This item will be dealt with on Tuesday, 26 April, and will include the adoption of the report of the session which will be prepared in the course of the session by rapporteur(s) to be appointed by the Commission and assisted by the secretariat. It will also include the adoption of draft decisions relating to the work of the Commission as a whole, including its programme of work for 1994-1995 and the endorsement in principle, subject to review at its fiftieth session, of its programme of work for 1995-1998. The Executive Secretary will ensure the advance distribution of draft resolutions or decisions. In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, draft decisions to be adopted at the forty-ninth session must be made available to the Executive Secretary 24 hours before their adoption for a review of possible financial implications.

PROVISIONAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Monday 18 April

Morning session: **Policy Segment**

Opening of the forty-ninth session of the Commission

Adoption of the agenda
(Agenda item 1)

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General debate

Changing situation in the ECE region: review of economic reforms and major developments: Policy statements
(Agenda item 2)

To be discussed together with

Commission's activities designed to assist countries of the region in transition to market economy and their integration with the European and global economy, including facilitating access to markets for countries in transition
(Agenda item 3)

and

Activities of the ECE to implement the pertinent provisions of the Final Act of the CSCE and other CSCE documents, including the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and the Helsinki Declaration 1992, as well as economic cooperation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE
(Agenda item 4)

Afternoon session: **Policy Segment**

General debate (continued)

Changing situation in the ECE region: review of economic reforms and major developments: Policy statements
(Agenda item 2)

To be discussed together with

Commission's activities designed to assist countries of the region in transition to market economy and their integration with the European and global economy, including facilitating access to markets for countries in transition
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(Agenda item 4)

Tuesday 19 April

Morning session: **Policy Segment**

General debate (continued)

Changing situation in the ECE region: review of economic reforms and major developments: Policy statements
(Agenda item 2)

To be discussed together with

Commission's activities designed to assist countries of the region in transition to market economy and their integration with the European and global economy, including facilitating access to markets for countries in transition
(Agenda item 3)

and

Activities of the ECE to implement the pertinent provisions of the Final Act of the CSCE and other CSCE documents, including the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and the Helsinki Declaration 1992, as well as economic cooperation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE
(Agenda item 4)

Afternoon session: **Policy Segment**

Changing situation in the ECE region: review of economic reforms and major developments
(Agenda item 2) (continued)

Presentation of the Economic Survey of Europe for 1993-1994 and exchange of views

Wednesday 20 April

Programme and Coordination Segment

The discussion of agenda item 6 (The work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies) will cover the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, including elements which require a cross-sectoral approach by more than one subsidiary body, and those which do not fall within the purview of a subsidiary body. The discussion will consider the programme of work both vertically and horizontally, and will entail a review of the past year's activities as well as a preview of the work for the year ahead. The

discussion is expected to cover aspects of the work which require the Commission's attention, decision or action. The horizontal debate, scheduled for the afternoon session of Thursday, 21 April, will be presided over by the Chairperson of the Commission and will include the collective participation of representatives of the bureau of each subsidiary body reporting directly to the Commission. Consideration of this item will take into account the sub-items which are as follows:

(a) review of ECE activities since the forty-eighth session and the implementation of decision O (45) and of decisions of the forty-eighth session

(b) programme of work for 1994-1998 - the future work of the Commission; coordination of, and guidelines for, the activities of its subsidiary bodies

(c) cooperation and coordination of activities with other organizations and institutions

(d) resolutions bearing on the work of the Commission adopted by ECOSOC and the General Assembly, including ECE's contribution to the preparatory work for the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995, and strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

(e) Commission's contribution to the United Nations global programmes and to the Organization's programmes designed to assist developing countries of other regions

Thursday 21 April

Morning session: **Programme and Coordination Segment**

Continuation of the consideration of agenda item 6 (sub-items (a)-(e))

Afternoon session: **Programme and Coordination Segment**

The Committee's discussion of agenda item 6 (The work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies) will cover the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, including elements which require a cross-sectoral approach by more than one subsidiary body, and those which do not fall within the purview of a subsidiary body. This session, which will be presided over by the Chairperson of the Commission, will be devoted to a horizontal discussion of the work of the Commission's subsidiary bodies with the collective participation of representatives of the bureau of each subsidiary body reporting directly to the Commission.

Friday 22 April

Policy Segment

ECE contribution to the commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations
(Agenda item 5)

Adoption of the programme of work
(Agenda item 6(b))

Other business
(Agenda item 7)

Election of Officers
(Agenda item 8)

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Changing situation in the ECE region: review of economic reforms and major developments:
Round Table: "**The Role of the Enterprise in Contemporary European Societies**"
(Agenda item 2) (resumed)

Monday 25 April

(No meeting planned)

Tuesday 26 April

Policy Segment

Adoption of decisions
(Agenda items 2 to 6)

Adoption of the Report of the session
(Agenda item 9)